1425. *[Transferred to the 2%th May,* 19901

Procurement of Furniture in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1426. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleas ed to state;

(a) what types of furniture is being procured for use of students in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) whether the All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association has made some suggestions in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Sangathan thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RE SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA); (a) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan's norms about sizes etc. for purchase of furniture for different categories are laid down in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Accounts Code. The following guidelines are to be kept in view,, while making purchases of furniture in the Kendriya Vidyalayas: —

(1) Luxury items, such as table with sunmica top, cushioned or revolving Chair, etc. should not *he* purchased.

(ii) The type of furniture should be durable and at the same time not costly.

(iii) Wooden furniture, if purchased, should be inspected before polishing so as to find out the existence of cracks, knots etc.

(iv> However, as per Government of India instructions purchase of wooden furniture: $_s$ to be discouraged.

(b) and (c) The AH India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association has handed over a letter in <«. gard on 17-5-90 and the suggestions are being Looked into.

Committee Reviewing the New Education Policy

1427. SHRl SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN.

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 786 given in the the Rajya Sabha on the 15th. May, 1990 and state:

(a) on what lines ti. e National Policy on Education, 1986 is being reviewed and the reasons necessitating this review;

(b)' what are the names of the members of the Committee constituted by Government for t!ie purpose:

(c) whether there has been any re- *y* sentment regarding constitution of the said Committee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) A copy of the Government Resolution, which contains the requisite information, is attached. (See below.)

(ey The constitution of the Committee has generally been welcomed, though opinions hare been expressed that the Committee could have been constituted differently.

(d) Does not arise.

RESOLUTION

SUBJECT. - Appointment of a Committee to review the National Policy on Education, 138ti.

Despite efforts at social and economic development since attainment of Independence, a majority of our people continue to remain deprive of education, which is one of the basic needs for human development. It is also a matter of grave concern that our people comprise 50 per cent of the world's illiterate, and large sections of children have to go without acceptable level of primary education. Government accords the highest priority to education—both as a human righf and as the means for bringing about a transformation towards a more humane and enlightened society. There is need to make education an effective instrument for securing a status of equality for women, and persons belonging to the backward classes and minorities. Moreover, it is essential to give a work and employment orientation to education and to exclude from it the elitist aberrations which have become the glaring characteristic of the educational scene. Educational institutions are increasingly being influenced by casteism, communalism and obscurantism and ^ is necessary to lay special emphasis *on* struggle against this phenomenon and to move towards a genuinely egalitarian and secular social order. The National Policy on Education, 1986 (NPE)', needs *to* be reviewed *to* evolve a framework which would enable the country to move towards this perspective of education.

2. Government have, therefore, decided to set up NPE Review Cornmittee with the following composition:

1. Acharya Ramamurti,... . . Khodigram, . Chairman
District Mungher

2. Professor C. N. R. Rao,. . . . . Member
Director,
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. »

3. Dr. Sukhdev Singh, ...
Formerly Vice-Chancellor, Punjab and MP Agricultural Universities.

4. Dr. M. Santappa, ...
Formerly Vice-Chancellor, Madras University.
Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay.

6. Dr. Bhaskar Roy Chaudhary,
Vice-Chancellor, Calcutta
University, Calcutta.

Formerly Principal,
Maharaja College,
Jaipur.

8. Professor Usha Mehta,...
Political Scientist and Teacher,
Bombay.

9. Professor Sachhidanand Murthy,.
Sangam Jagarlamudi,
Guntur.

JO. Dr. Anil Sadgopal, ... Member
Ki«hore Bharati, Hoshangabad.

11. Father T, V. Kuhnunkal, ... 5,
Chairman,
National Open School,
New Delhi.

12. Professor Mrinal Miri,.. Professor of Philosophy, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong.
Vice-Chancellor, Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi.

14. Vice-chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

15. Shri Veda Vyasa,.. [x].
Chairman,
DAV College Management Committee,
New Delhi.

16. Lok Bharati Sanosara,
District Bhavnagar.

17. Additional Secretary,
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Department of Education,
New Delhi.

3. The terms of inference of the Cornmittee will be as follows:

(a) to review the National Policy on Education, 1986 and its implemen tation;

(b) to make recommendations re garding revision of the Policy; and

(c) to recommend action necessary for implementation of the revised Policy within a timeframe.

4. The Committee will devise its own proceure of work and submit its report as soon as possible, but not later than six months from the date of issue of the order. It may submit interim reports as may bs consider ed appropriate.

Sd/-(S. P. Tuli)' Joint *Secretary to the Government* of *lndia.*

ORDER

Order that a copy of the Resolution be published in the Gazette cr India for general information.

Also ordered that a copy of the Resolution *be* forwarded *to* all the Ministries/Departments of, the Government of India, all State Governments/Union Territory Administration Universities, Institutions/Organisations of the Department of Euca-tion, Ministry of Human Resource Development, etc. for information.

Sd, '-(S. P. Tuli) *Joint Secretary to the Govfirv. ment* of *India.*

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